

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS – Smt.K.B.Aruna, former C.D.P.O., ICDS Project, Mahabubabad, Warangal district and now Retired Assistant Director, O/o Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad – Improper maintenance of records of acquaintance and non – production of certain records - Disciplinary proceedings initiated under Rule – 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Exonerate from the charges – Orders – Issued.

DEPT. FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DISABLED & SENIOR CITIZENS [ESTT. – A2]

G.O.Rt.No. 51

Dated 5th February, 2014

Read the following:-

1. O/o Director, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, Charge Memo.No.5469/Vig.2/2010-1, dated 16-06-2010.
2. From the Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.No.5469/Vig.2/2010, dated 17-09-2013.

ORDER: -

In the reference 1st read above, the Director, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, has initiated disciplinary proceedings under Rule – 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in respect of Smt.K.B.Aruna, former C.D.P.O., ICDS Project, Mahabubabad, Warangal district and now Retired Assistant Director, O/o Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, and framed nine articles of charges as mentioned therein on the ground of certain irregularities of non – available of acquittances against the amounts drawn for during the period from 2007-08 and 2008-09, while working as CDPO, ICDS Project, Mahabubabad, Warangal District, towards payment of honorarium of AWWs / AWHs; TA & DA of AWWs / Helpers; house rents to Angangwadi Centers and fire wood charges and also as she failed to hand over the office records i.e. UD Pay Register; Cash Book Register, Acquaintances registers etc. to her successor Smt.T.Renuka, CDPO (FAC). The Charged Officer has been directed to submit her defence statement within the prescribed time limit.

2. The Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, in his letter 2nd read above, among other things, has informed the Government that the Charged Officer has submitted her explanation dated 11-08-2010 to the Charge Memo. issued to her. Since the explanation of the individual is not convincing, the Commissioner, W.D & C.W., had appointed the Joint Director (Administration) as E.O and R.D.D., W.D & C.W., Warangal, as Presenting Officer. The E.O. in his interim report, has concluded that all the financial transactions are made through the bank cheques but not by cash and hence, there is no scope for misappropriation of Government amount, which is only the mismanagement of the records and it should be under the custody of Sr. Asst. He further contended that during the tenure of the C.O., that some amount is struck up with bank only and therefore, the lapses cannot be attributed to her and hence, the charges framed against her are not maintainable and cannot be proved. Therefore, the Commissioner, WD & CW., has requested the Accounts Officer, O/o Commissioner, WD & CW., to verify all the records along with the accounts wing in CDPO Office, ICDS Project, Mahabubabad, Warangal District and furnish report. He has also requested the RJD, WD & CW., Warangal to complete the reconciliation and verification of Accounts of the financial transactions pertaining to the period of Charged Officer. Subsequently, the Charged

Officer. has retired from service on 30-09-2012, on attaining the age of superannuation. The RJD, WD & CW., Warangal, has informed that the Branch Manager, SBH, Mahabubabad, Warangal, has informed that the statement of accounts issued for the period from April, 2007 to July, 2009 is not possible as they are older than three years and further that the preservation period of vouchers is three years only and therefore, they are unable to furnish the copies of the said vouchers.

3. The Commissioner, WD & CW., has further stated that the Accounts Officer, O/o Commissioner, W.D & CW., has reported that in the absence of the basic record, any financial regularity or irregularity could not be reported against the Accused Officer and concluded that the charges framed against Smt.K.B.Aruna, A.D (Retd.) are not maintainable and cannot be proved. Moreover, the CDPO in her Lr. Dt.13-07-2009 has informed that since an amount of Rs.13,59,130/- is available in SBI, Mahabubabad pertaining to the period of Smt.K.B.Aruna, former CDPO, Mahabubabad, which needs to be adjusted to the individual accounts of AWWs / AWHs towards their dues by the present CDPO, Mahabubabad, Warangal District. Since no report of any complaints regarding non – payment of any amount pertaining to the AWWs / AWHs pertaining to rents, firewood, TA and DA etc., it is held that there is no misappropriation of Government fund but it is only case of poor maintenance of acquaintance and other records and non – production of records by the Senior Assistant, who is custodian of these records. Therefore, the allegations leveled against Smt.K.B.Aruna, cannot be sustained as the R.J.D., W.D & C.W., has clearly stated that only an amount of Rs.11,34,070/- is due for payment and that the balance available with banks is more than the unadjusted amount.

4. The Commissioner, W.D & C.W., has therefore, requested the Government to exonerate Smt.K.B.Aruna, Retired Asst. Dir., O/o Commissioner, W.D. & C.W., from the charges by taking a lenient view and pass appropriate orders as the charges framed against her not held proved, since there is no evidence of misappropriation of Government fund and it is a case of improper maintenance of records of acquaintance and non – production of certain records and also as the individual retired from service on 30-09-2012, on attaining the age of superannuation.

5. In the circumstances stated above, Government after careful examination of the matter and as per remarks of Commissioner, W.D & C.W., hereby exonerate Smt.K.B.Aruna, former C.D.P.O., ICDS Project, Mahabubabad, Warangal district and now Retired Assistant Director, O/o Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, from the charges.

[BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH]

NILAM SAWHNEY,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad.

The Accountant – General, A.P., Hyderabad.

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